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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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SUBJECT: VEHICLE REQUIREMENT FOR AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

REF: A. DAMASCUS 1435

B. STATE 172777

1. IN REPLY TO REFTEL B, PARA 2, THE 1965 PLYMOUTH IS IN ALEPPO. VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT PRIOR TO 1967 BREAK OF RELATIONS AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MANY FOREIGN OFFICE NOTES REGARDING DISPOSITION. POST IS PREPARING ANOTHER NOTE IN AN ATTEMPT TO FINALIZE THE DISPOSITION OF THIS VEHICLE. UNFORTUNATELY, SINCE VEHICLE WAS BROUGHT IN DUTY FREE, DISPOSITION MUST BE MADE THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE AND CUSTOMS. VEHICLE HAS NO SALVAGE VALUE.

2. AS REQUIRED OTHER OFFICIAL VEHICLES AT POST ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. 1969, CHEVROLET, STATION WAGON, SCA FUNDS, SERIAL NO. 138469B332891, MOTOR NO. R1213F, CONDITION POOR, MILEAGE 77,000 MILES, OVER-DUE FOR REPLACEMENT AND SHOULD BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY.

B. 1973, DODGE, 4 DOOR SEDAN, SCA FUNDS, SERIAL NO. WH41C3A212801, MOTOR NO. 3A212801, CONDITION GOOD, MILEAGE 6,000 MILES, LIFE EXPECTANCY 30 MONTHS

REPLACEMENT IN FY77.

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C. 1974, DODGE, STATION WAGON, SCA FUNDS, SERIAL NO. HY46G4A132671, MOTOR NO. 10020911, CONDITION GOOD, MILEAGE 11,000 MILES, LIFE EXPECTANCY 24 MONTHS (THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN THE BACKBONE OF THE MOTOR POOL DURING OPENING MONTHS OF AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS AND THEREFORE HAS VERY HIGH MILEAGE), EARLY FY 77.

3. POST INDEED WELCOMES ANY VEHICLE ASSISTANCE AND 1974 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER SOUNDS SUITABLE FOR COM VEHICLE.

4. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTL (A) POST IS DEFINITELY IN NEED OF VEHICLES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. GIVEN THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY RAPID BUILD UP PERHAPS IT BEST NOT TO CONSIDER STANDARDIZATION AT THIS TIME BUT TO MAKE DO WITH WHATEVER VEHICLES AVAILABLE AND UPON REPLACEMENT STANDARDIZE FLEET.
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